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1. FOLLOWING GUIDANCE IS KEYED TO PARAGRAPH NUMBERS OF REF (B).

2. PARA 4, FOOTNOTE: WE AGREE TO NEW FRENCH WORDING.

3. PARA 6: REGARDING PARTICIPATION OF ALLIES OTHER THAN US IN PRE-REDUCTION CONSTRAINTS, IN ADDITION TO POINTS IN PREVIOUS GUIDANCE, YOU CAN SAY THAT US IS PREPARED TO JOIN AN ALLIED CONSENSUS ON THIS ISSUE WITH A VIEW TO REACHING AN AGREED PAPER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

4. PARA 12BIS: WE AGREE TO APPROACH RECOMMENDED BY MISSION INVOLVING EXCHANGE OF ORAL STATEMENTS AT NEXT NAC DISCUSSION OF SECTION II, PROVIDED TURKS AGREE TO DROP THEIR BRACKETS THROUGHOUT THE PAPER. AT SAME TIME, MISSION SHOULD OFFER TURKS AGREEMENT TO DROP WORD "POSSIBLE IN FIRST SENTENCE OF 12BIS, IN RETURN FOR DROPPING "AND AGREED UPON WITHIN THE ALLIANCE," SUBSTITUTING NEW SENTENCE AS FOLLOWS: "A DECISION WILL NEED TO BE MADE ON WHETHER TO PUT THEM FORWARD IN THE NEGOTIATIONS, AND IF SO, WHICH ONES. SUCH MEASURES COULD INCLUDE:". FIRST SENTENCE OF 12BIS WOULD THUS READ:"IN ORDER TO ENHANCE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF A REDUCTIONS AGREEMENT IN CENTRAL EUROPE AND TO ELIMINATE OR MITIGATE ANY INCREASE IN THE THREAT TO THE FLANKS AS A RESULT OF MBFR IN THE CENTRAL REGION, CERTAIN PROVISIONS DESIGNED FOR POSSIBLE USE WITH THE OTHER SIDE IN THE LIGHT OF THE TACTICAL NEGOTIATING SITUATION SHOULD BE URGENTLY STUDIED. A DECISION WILL NEED TO BE MADE ON WHETHER TO PUT THEM FORWARD IN THE NEGOTIATIONS, AND IF SO, WHICH ONES. SUCH MEASURES COULD INCLUDE:". IN ORAL STATEMENT PROPOSED BY MISSION, YOU SHOULD REPEAT POINTS SET FORTH IN PARA 11 OF STATE 186027. YOU SHOULD STRESS IN PARTICULAR THAT OUR AGREEMENT TO STUDY THESE MEASURES WITHIN THE ALLIANCE DOES NOT IN ANY WAY IMPLY A COMMITMENT AT THIS TIME ON OUR PART TO REACH AGREEMENT ON THEM OR ACTUALLY TO PUT THESE OR SIMILAR MEASURES FORWARD IN THE NEGOTIATIONS. ANY SUCH DECISIONS COULD ONLY BE TAKEN ON THE BASIS BOTH OF THE RESULTS OF THE ALLIED STUDY AND ON CONTINUING ASSESSMENT OF THE NEGOTIATING SITUATION. FOR OUR PART, OUR
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VIEW REMAINS THAT IT WOULD BE UNWISE AND COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO OVERLOAD THE ALLIED NEGOTIATING POSITION WITH SUCH PROPOSALS.

5. SECTION III, PARA 1: YOU MAY ACCEPT UK WORDING ("DURING THE FIRST FEW MONTHS, DEPENDING UPON THE POLITICAL AND NEGOTIATING SITUATION"). HOWEVER, IN ACCEPTING THIS LANGUAGE, YOU MAY AT YOUR DISCRETION

INDICATE FOR INFORMATION OF ALLIES RATHER THAN AS
PROPOSAL ON WHICH ALLIED AGREEMENT IS SOLICITED THAT TO
EXTENT WE CAN FORESEE DEVELOPMENTS, THE US BELIEVES ALLIES
MAY WISH TO PUT FORWARD FRAMEWORK PROPOSAL TO BE EAST BY END
OF THIS CALENDAR YEAR AND TO BEGIN DETAILED NEGOTIATING
ON PRE-REDUCTION CONSTRAINTS EARLY IN THE NEW YEAR.
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